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- 2 1. A holding and dispensing apparatus for use with a pack, the holding
- and dispensing apparatus comprising a holding device for holding the
- 4 pack and a dispensing device for dispensing beverage from the pack.
- 5 2. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 1 wherein
- 6 the holding device includes a clamp for clamping the pack and a
- 7 handle attached to the clamp.
- 8 3. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 2 wherein
- 9 the clamp includes a first jaw for contact with the top of the pack and
- a second jaw for contact with the bottom of the pack.
- 11 4. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 3 wherein
- the clamp includes a plate extending from the second jaw in order to
- support the handle.
- 14 5. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 4 wherein
- the first jaw is connected with the second jaw so that a distance
- between them is adjustable.
- 17 6. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 5 wherein
- the clamp includes a telescopic device for connection the first jaw
- with the second jaw.
- 20 7. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 6 wherein
- 21 the telescopic device includes a column extending from the first jaw
- and two rods extending into the column from the second jaw.
- 23 8. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 7 wherein
- the telescopic device includes two springs each mounted on related
- one of the rods.
- 26 9. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 7 wherein

- the telescopic device includes a base attached to the second jaw and
- 2 the rods extend from the base.
- 3 10. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 7 including
- 4 a locking device for locking the column to the plate.
- 5 11. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 10 wherein
- 6 the locking device includes a series of teeth formed on the column
- and a tongue movably mounted on the plate for engagement with one
- 8 of the teeth.
- 9 12. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 11 wherein
- the locking device includes a switch operatively connected with the
- 11 tongue.
- 12 13. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 12 wherein
- the locking device includes a spring for biasing the tongue against the
- 14 plate.
- 15 14. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 13 wherein
- the handle receives the spring and the tongue.
- 17 15. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 14 wherein
- the handle includes a first portion formed on the plate and a second
- portion engaged with the first portion.
- 20 16. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 3 wherein
- the first jaw includes two restraints formed thereon for restraining the
- 22 pack.
- 23 17. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 3 wherein
- the second jaw includes a restraint formed thereon for restraining the
- 25 pack.
- 26 18. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 9 wherein

- the base includes a restraint for restraining the pack.
- 2 19. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 3 wherein
- 3 the dispensing device includes a first piercing element attached to the
- 4 first jaw for piercing a first aperture in the top of the pack and a
- second piercing element for piecing a second aperture in the top of the
- pack so that the beverage is poured from the pack through the first
- 7 aperture, and that air pressure outside and inside the pack is balanced
- 8 because of the second aperture.
- 9 20. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 19 wherein
- the first jaw includes an aperture for receiving the first piercing
- element and a second aperture for receiving the second piercing
- 12 element.
- 13 21. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 20 wherein
- the first jaw includes a shield formed thereon for concealing the first
- piercing element.
- 16 22. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 19 including
- a cover mounted on the first jaw covering the first piercing element
- and the second piercing element.
- 19 23. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 22 wherein
- 20 the cover is pivotally connected with the first jaw.
- 21 24. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 23 wherein
- 22 the first jaw includes two pivots formed thereon, and the cover
- includes two clips for clamping the pivots so as to pivotally connect
- the cover with the first jaw.
- 25. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 22 including
- a first seal attached to the cover in order to seal the first piercing

- element and second seal attached to the cover in order to seal the
- 2 second piercing element.
- 3 26. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 23 wherein
- 4 the cover includes an extension that extends beyond the first jaw
- 5 when the cover is put on the first jaw so that the cover can easily be
- 6 lifted via manipulating the extension.
- 7 27. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 23 including
- a locking device for locking the cover to the first jaw.
- 9 28. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 27 wherein
- the cover defines a window about which an edge is formed, and the
- locking device includes a lever pivotally mounted on the first jaw, a
- hook for hooking the edge, and a press portion extending beyond the
- 13 cover.
- 14 29. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 28 wherein
- the first jaw includes a slot for receiving the lever and a pivot
- extending across the slot, and the locking device includes a clip
- extending from the lever for clamping the pivot so as to pivotally
- mount the lever on the first jaw.
- 19 30. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 28 wherein
- 20 the locking device includes a torque spring arranged between the first
- jaw and the lever.
- 22 31. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 27 including
- a snap opening device for snap opening the cover.
- 24 32. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 31 wherein
- 25 the snap opening device includes a spring attached to the first jaw for
- biasing the cover.

- 33. The holding and dispensing apparatus according to claim 32 wherein
- 2 the snap opening device includes a sheath mounted on the spring in
- 3 order to contact the cover.